

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1196**

**M. Davis House**

**20600 Keeney Mill Road**

**Middletown, Baltimore County**

**Ca. 1800**

**Private**

Constructed circa 1800, the M. Davis House is located at 20600 Keeney Mill Road in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The dwelling was constructed during the early development of Middletown. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road. According to this atlas, M. Davis occupied the house. Although the dwelling appears on both the 1877 and 1915 atlases, no occupant is ascribed to it.

Fronting southeast, the vernacular dwelling is set back from the road on a large, rural tract of land. Clad in stucco and set on a random rubble stone foundation, the house was built in various stages during the 19th and 20th centuries. The original section of the house, circa 1800, was constructed of log and is now situated at the west corner of the dwelling. Currently, the house rises one-and-a-half stories in height and extends five bays in width. The façade is pierced by five, irregularly spaced openings. The two single-leaf wood doors are paneled with lights and feature square-edged wood surrounds. The three window openings hold 6/6 windows and, like the doors, have square-edge wood surrounds and sills. The side gable roof extends outward, creating an inset porch. Square, wood posts support this five-bay wide, full-width porch. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles and was enlarged at the north corner, creating a gambrel section. A gable dormer was added to this roof slope. An imposing stone chimney with parging rises along the southwest elevation. On this elevation, there is also a concrete block chimney that was added. An interior end brick chimney rises from the northeast ridge of the roof. The property also encompasses six historic outbuildings and three non-historic outbuildings.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1196

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic M. Davis House (preferred)

other Alice Sattler Tenant House

### 2. Location

street and number 20600 Kenney Mill Road not for publication

city, town Middletown vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eugene Augustus Sattler, Mary Jane Neighbours, et. al.

street and number 824 Corbett Road telephone Not Available

city, town Monkilton state MD zip code 21111-1530

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14037 folio 531

city, town Towson tax map 6 tax parcel 30 tax ID number 0619000075

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The M. Davis House is located at 20600 Keeney Mill Road near Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Fronting southeast, the vernacular dwelling is set back from the road on a large, rural tract of land. Clad in stucco and set on a random rubble stone foundation, the house was built in various stages during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The original section of the house, circa 1800, was constructed of log and is now situated at the west corner of the dwelling.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the house rises one-and-a-half stories in height and extends five bays in width. The façade is pierced by five, irregularly spaced openings. The two single-leaf wood doors are paneled with lights and feature square-edged wood surrounds. The three window openings hold 6/6 windows and, like the doors, have square-edge wood surrounds and sills. The side gable roof extends outward, creating an inset porch. Square, wood posts support this five-bay wide, full-width porch. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles and was enlarged at the north corner, creating a gambrel section. A gable dormer was added to this roof slope. An imposing stone chimney with parging rises along the southwest elevation. On this elevation, there is also a concrete block chimney that was added. An interior end brick chimney rises from the northeast ridge of the roof.

The property also encompasses six historic outbuildings and three non-historic outbuildings. There is a circa 1850 wood frame barn with a random rubble stone foundation and vertical board cladding. It is covered by a gable roof with asphalt shingles. A circa 1917 gambrel roof addition was built on its west elevation. Like the main block of the barn, it features a random rubble stone foundation and vertical board cladding.

To the rear of the barn is a circa 1917 silo. Constructed of panel-faced concrete block, the silo has a hipped roof with asphalt shingling. The silo is approximately fifty feet in height and fifteen feet in diameter.

The dairy was also constructed circa 1917 of parged concrete. Circular in shape, the dairy has a flat roof and a single-leaf vertical board door.

The wood frame kitchen, constructed at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, is set on a random rubble stone foundation. It has board-and-batten cladding and a front gable roof of corrugated metal. The kitchen features a root cellar, a six-light fixed window in the gable end, and a single-leaf vertical board door.

The circa 1900 corncrib is constructed of wood frame with slats. It features a shed roof and a poured concrete foundation.

The machine shed, constructed circa 1940, is clad in vertical board with a corrugated metal shed roof. There are two eight-light fixed windows and a double-leaf vertical board door.

The three non-historic outbuildings include a 1970s corncrib, a 1970s tractor shed, and a 1980s shed. The corncrib is circular in shape with metal, mesh walls, a concrete foundation, and a standing seam metal conical roof. The tractor shed is constructed of concrete block with a standing seam metal, side gable roof. The 1980s

<sup>1</sup> The interior log structural system was not visible at the time of the survey.

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shed is constructed of wood frame with grooved plywood cladding. It has a gambrel roof with asphalt shingles and double-leaf cross-braced doors.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1800 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1800 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Constructed circa 1800, the M. Davis House is located at 20600 Keeney Mill Road in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. The dwelling was constructed during the early development of Middletown. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road.<sup>2</sup> According to this atlas, M. Davis occupied the house. By 1877, a church had been erected and Middletown had grown from a small crossroads community into a rural center. At that time, the town included a physician's office, schoolhouse, Odd Fellows hall, a store and one "shop."<sup>3</sup> Although the community's 1881 population of only forty-nine inhabitants did not appear significant, the town was nevertheless in a strategic location between two crossroads along Middletown Road.<sup>4</sup> Although the dwelling appears on both the 1877 and 1915 atlases, no occupant is ascribed to it. Growth in and around Middletown slowed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, leaving it a rural community in northern Baltimore County.<sup>5</sup>

When constructed, the M. Davis House exemplified the early to mid- 19<sup>th</sup> century vernacular buildings in Baltimore County. Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>3</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>4</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

<sup>5</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>6</sup> Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 201.86 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The house is located at 20600 Keeney Mill Road in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The property has been associated with Tax Map 6, Parcel 30 since its construction circa 1800.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich, A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 14, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



PA-0633  
1415 OAKLAND ROAD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

3A-1364  
MT. ZION U.M. CHURCH  
20901 MT. ZION ROAD  
-REELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1198  
20660 KEENEY MILL RD.,  
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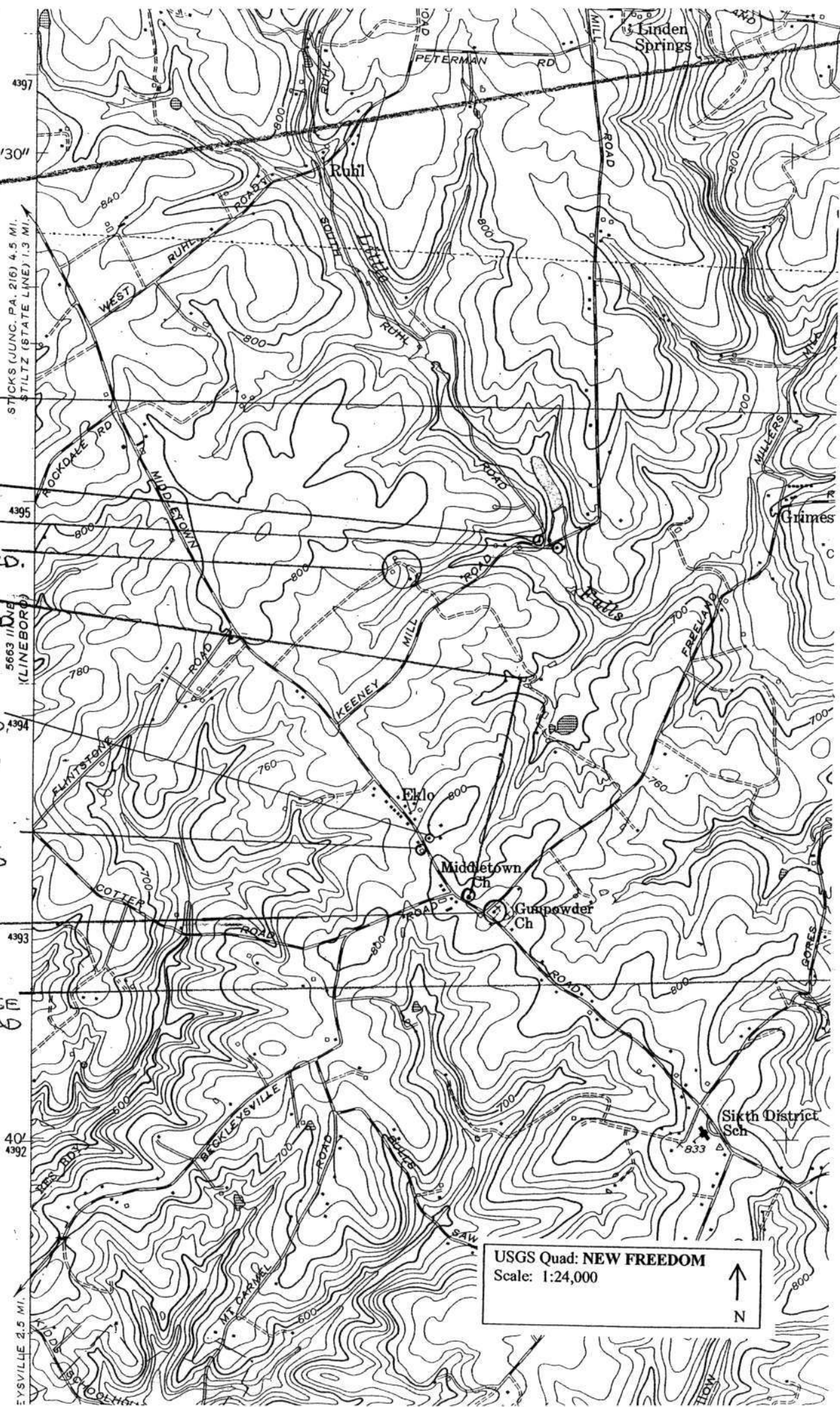
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20109 FREELAND ROAD

BA 23  
EK SCHOOL  
20221 MIDDLETOWN RD  
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BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1222  
OLD FELLOWS LODGE  
20220 MIDDLETOWN RD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0586  
20075 FREELAND ROAD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

SA-0402  
VALLEY PAPER MILL HOUSE  
10008 VALLEY MILL ROAD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY



USGS Quad: NEW FREEDOM  
Scale: 1:24,000







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TRAILER

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FREELAND

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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MILK HOUSE

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

MAGI # 0311965404

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: <i>ALICE Sattler</i> <sup>TENANT</sup> <i>house</i>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>20600 Reeney Mill Road</i> <i>Lane enters west of Reeney's Mill Road about</i>					
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Eklo</i> <i>0.45 mi north of its junction with Middleboro Road</i>					
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>		COUNTY: <i>Baltimore</i>			
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public        Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: <i>Alice W Sattler</i> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SATTLER</span>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Monkton</i>		STATE: <i>MD</i>			
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b> <i>MAP 6 PARCEL 30</i>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <i>BALTIMORE COUNTY COURTS BUILDING</i>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>BASLEY AVENUE</i>					
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Towson</i>		STATE: <i>MD</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>21204</i></span>			
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <i>1339 / 263</i>					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: <i>BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY</i>					
DATE OF SURVEY: <i>ongoing since 1964</i> <i>BA-1196 entered 2/26/78</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <i>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</i>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>21 STATE CIRCLE</i>					
CITY OR TOWN: <i>ANNAPOLIS</i>		STATE: <i>MARYLAND</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>21401</i></span>			

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field check for loc + addenda: A. Martin 3/1/78



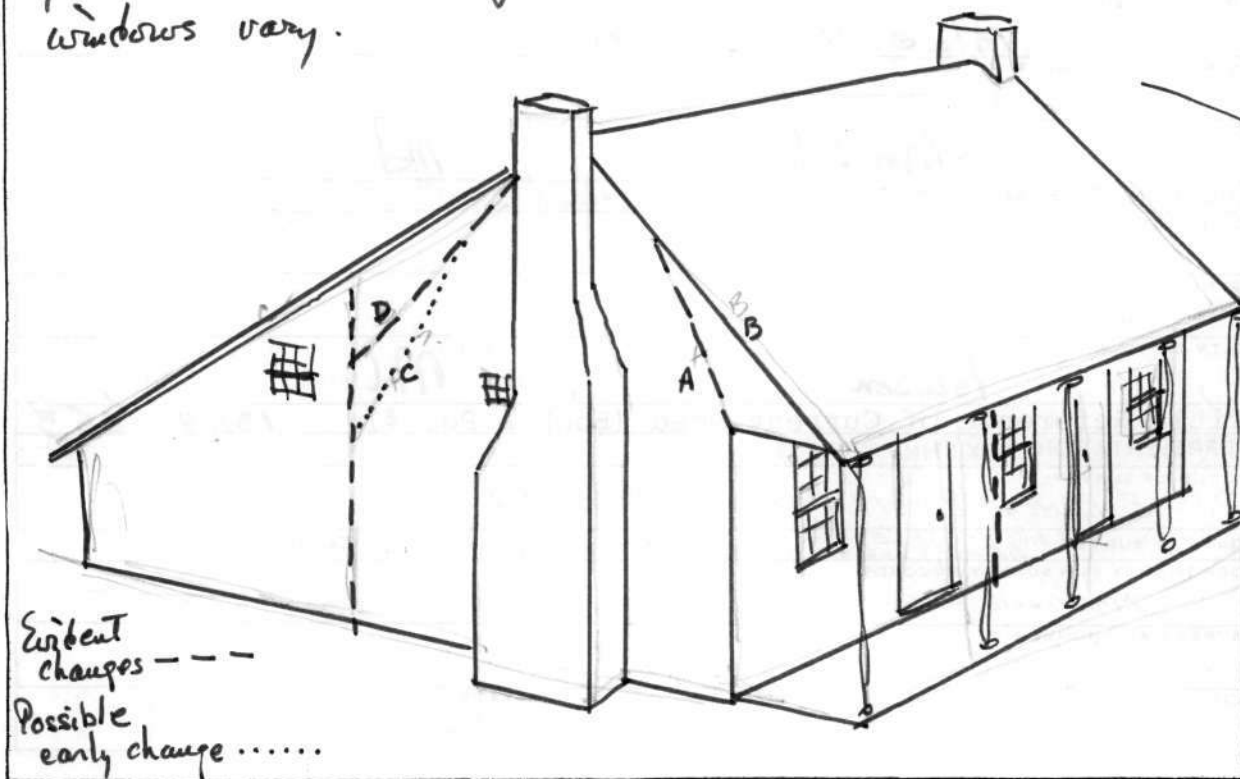
## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 1½ story house is partly of log. Frame and log sections are heavily stuccoed, almost concealing the roof lines mentioned fully below. Facing east, the roof ridge line runs north-south with a chimney inside the north end wall, another chimney outside the south end wall rising from a cooking fireplace on the main floor and a heated fireplace above. (There is also a new flue for modern heating, cooking.)

Windows have 6 lights on 6 downstairs except for the south window facing east, 9 on 6. Upstairs windows vary.



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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

Only?

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present tenants knows of no history here.

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Indications of a gambrel roof are evident (A) in the south end of the house, east. The roof was raised once here (B) to accommodate a long front porch across the "new" section of the house north. ~~was~~ Was the roof raised on the west side (C) at the same time or was ~~the~~ the roof at (D) originally?

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

201.13 A

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		JEAN S EWING	
ORGANIZATION	MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE	1/73
STREET AND NUMBER:		2525 RIVA ROAD	
CITY OR TOWN:	ANNAPOLIS	STATE	MARYLAND

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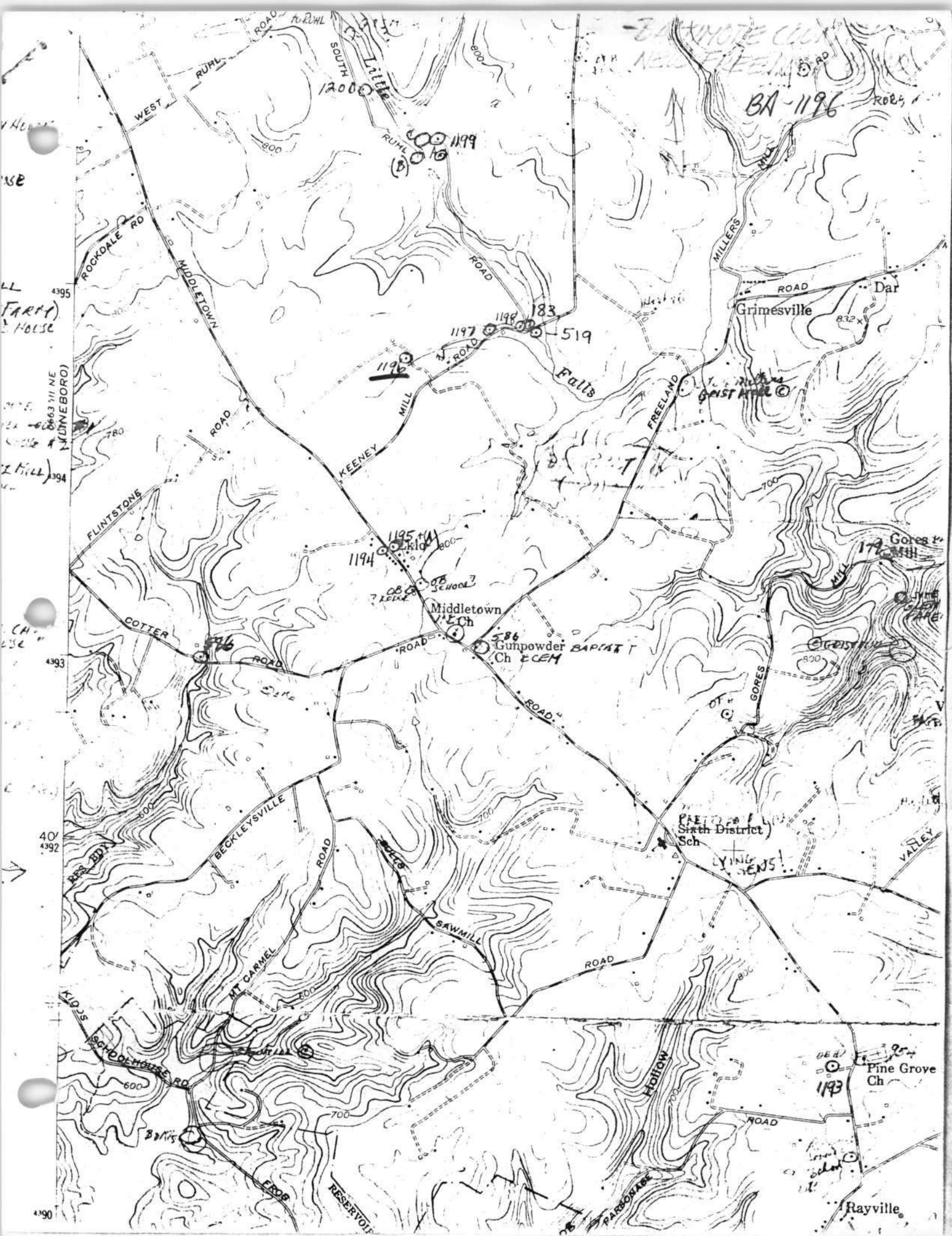
State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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VI-NEW-1196. ALICE SATTLER TENANT HOUSE  
KEENEY MILL ROAD, EKLO VICINITY  
view of front (SE) elevation & (SW) end  
PHOTO: JEAN S. EWING (MHT) 1/73 (frame 19)